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11. (U) EconOff delivered reftel draft Megaports Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to Nabigha Hajji, Counselor in the United Nations Division of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation (MFA) on July 28. Hajji promised to share the draft with the MFA official responsible for discussing the Megaports initiative, Bouchaib Eloumni, who is currently on leave.

12. (SBU) Hajji explained that the MFA's Legal division would first review the proposed MOU, followed by an interagency consultation to determine which Government of Morocco entity would be the appropriate signatory of the MOU and eventual partner in the Megaports initiative for the Department of Energy's National Nuclear Security Administration. The MFA will provide comments on the draft to the USG following these internal and interagency reviews, Hajji concluded, although he was unable to predict a timetable for the review process.

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